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## **Local communities receive grants to replace damage done by emerald ash borer**

**LANSING** – Five local communities received 2004 Emerald Ash Borer Grants to assist with tree planting projects, Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, announced today.

The Department of Natural Resources Urban and Community Forestry program administered these grants as a response to the EAB problem. The funding came from the USDA Forest Service.

“Last year, I sponsored and the Senate passed Senate Resolution 49 seeking federal assistance due to this invasive insect,” Patterson said. “Millions of trees have been lost and the solution needs to come from Washington to contain the problem. This money reflects efforts to help municipalities replace the trees and other vegetation that were affected.”

Local communities in Sen. Patterson’s district receiving grants are:

- Canton Township – \$20,000
- Flat Rock – \$20,000
- Plymouth Township. – \$15,000
- Van Buren Township – \$17,600
- Woodhaven – \$17,000

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